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Rockland City Government

City Council

Edward C. Moran, Jr., <i>Chairman*</i>	Term expires Dec., 1948
Jesse E. Bradstreet, <i>Chairman*</i>	Term expires Dec., 1947
Osgood A. Gilbert	Term expires Dec., 1949
Albert C. McLoon	Term expires Dec., 1948
William J. Sullivan	Term expires Dec., 1947

School Board

John M. Richardson, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec., 1948
Dr. Gilmore W. Soule	Term expires Dec., 1949
Allan F. McAlary	Term expires Dec., 1948
Harold W. Whitehill	Term expires Dec., 1947
Edward M. Lawrence	Term expires Dec., 1947

Planning Commission

Roland G. Ware, <i>Chairman*</i>	Resigned
Knott C. Rankin	Term expires Dec., 1951
Alan L. Bird	Term expires Dec., 1950
John M. Pomeroy	Term expires Dec., 1949
Allan J. Murray	Term expires Dec., 1948
Putnam P. Bicknell	Term expires Dec., 1947

Board of Assessment Review

Ralph L. Wiggin, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec., 1947
Ervin L. Curtis	Term expires Dec., 1949
Morris B. Perry	Term expires Dec., 1948

Recreation Advisory Board

Horatio C. Cowan, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec., 1948
Osgood A. Gilbert	Term expires Dec., 1949
Joseph Blaisdell	Term expires Dec., 1949
Clara Kelsey	Term expires Dec., 1949
Allan F. McAlary	Term expires Dec., 1948
Pauline Bosse	Term expires Dec., 1948

William J. Sullivan	Term expires Dec., 1947
Marguerite Perry	Term expires Dec., 1947
Donald A. Matheson	Term expires Dec., 1947

Board of Zoning Appeals

Charles T. Smalley, Esq., <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec., 1947
Hervey C. Allen	Term expires Dec., 1949
Allan F. McAlary	Term expires Dec., 1948
Ralph Conant, Associate	Term expires Dec., 1948

Personnel Examining Board

Sidney L. Cullen, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec., 1947
James Connellan	Term expires Dec., 1949
Harold S. Leach	Term expires Dec., 1948

Library Advisory Board

Harold P. Blodgett, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec., 1948
Marion Miller	Term expires Dec., 1949
Dorinda Coughlin	Term expires Dec., 1949
Edward R. Ladd	Term expires Dec., 1948
Cleveland Sleeper, Jr.	Term expires Dec., 1947
Irene Moran	Term expires Dec., 1947

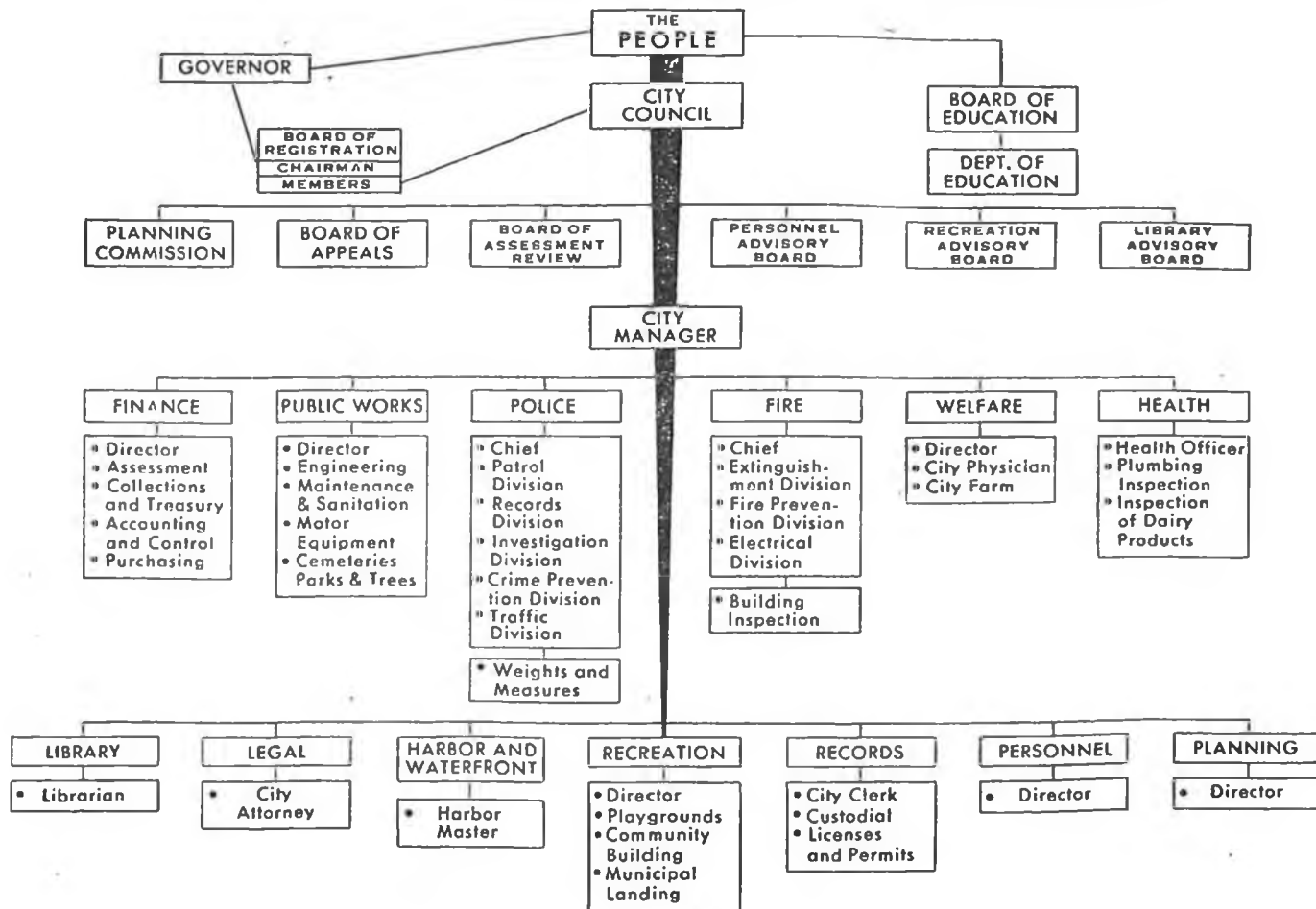
* Part of year.

Administration

City Manager	Frederick D. Farnsworth
Superintendent of Schools	Robert B. Lunt
City Attorney	Jerome C. Burrows, Esq.
City Clerk	Gerald U. Margeson
Director of Finance	City Manager
City Assessor	Richard E. Thomas*, Carlton P. Tulloch*
Treasurer and Collector	Charles H. Morey
Purchasing Agent	City Manager
Director of Personnel	City Manager
Director of Public Welfare	Joshua N. Southard
City Physician	Dr. Charles D. North
Director of Public Works	City Manager
City Engineer	Harold F. Brown
Superintendent of Maintenance	Frederick H. Cates
Director of Planning	City Engineer
Fire Chief	Van E. Russell
Building Inspector	Fire Chief
City Electrician	Harold A. Robbins
Police Chief	Jesse O. Linscott*, George W. Lilienthal*
Sealer of Weights and Measures	
	James W. Breen*, Maynard H. Wiggin*
Health Officer	Dr. James Kent
Plumbing Inspector	Ernest A. Campbell
Inspector of Dairy Products	Crosby F. French, D. V. S.
Librarian	Ruth L. Rogers
Harbor Master	John G. Snow

* Part of year.

Functional Organization of Rockland City Government



Letter of Transmittal

To the City Council—

GENTLEMEN:

This second Annual Municipal Report of the City of Rockland under Council-Manager Government is intended as a condensed record of the duties and activities of the administrative departments of the city, and is prepared and published for the information of our citizens.

Under this form of government every department is coordinated for overall administrative control, and no emphasis is or should be placed upon any department or division. The departmental reports are, therefore, objective and impersonal.

While no attempt is here made to highlight accomplishments, it is gratifying to know that in a year of rising costs of equipment, supplies and services, the administration ended the municipal year with a net surplus of \$53,318.63 (See Auditor's Report, Exhibit "B") with an actual saving in appropriations of \$33,064.00. It is of the greatest importance that saving in annual appropriations continue to be made until such time as the city can pay all expenses throughout the year without resorting to borrowing in anticipation of taxes. Owing to the Municipal year ending June 30, the full amount of the tax anticipation loan must be shown as outstanding in the auditor's report, as tax notices cannot be sent out until about June 15, which gives insufficient time for tax revenue to come in with which to pay such loan.

The cost of the equalization survey has been entirely paid for out of current revenue up to date and there will thus be no need to reflect this cost in any future budget.

All equipment purchased for the Public Works, Fire, Police, Welfare and other departments, which has been unusually large, has been fully paid for.

As this report covers the period from November 1 to June 30, little work on outside physical properties could be done in

that period other than maintenance. However, considerable improvement was made in the surfacing and tarring of suburban streets, improving the public landing, placing new street signs along Main Street, and other work possible in those seasons.

It is the desire of your administration to give to the citizens of Rockland, the best service that can be given consistent with sound planning and economical and efficient government.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. FARNSWORTH,

City Manager.

Major Acts of the City Council

For the Municipal Year

November 1, 1946 - June 30, 1947

1946

November 13

Authorized writing off Trust Funds to the amount of \$1,241.99, which funds were impounded in local banks in 1933.

Authorized the execution of an easement over city property to the Central Maine Power Company for the purpose of expansion of its transmission lines.

1947

January 13

Ordered that Trust Funds amounting to \$2,486.88, which had been carried in the General Fund be segregated and transferred to a Trust Fund Account for investment in U. S. Government bonds or for meeting legal obligations.

Passed a Resolve approving the participation by city employees in the State Retirement System.

Held due ceremony of burning redeemed bonds of the city in the amount of \$32,500.00.

February 10

Enacted ordinance amendment prohibiting "Molestation and the use of intoxicating liquor in public places."

Authorized sale of real estate at 249 Camden Street, the same having been formerly acquired by the city. Approved of lease of land at Schofield-White Park for use as a seaplane base.

Authorized certain amendments to the City Charter for submission to the State Legislature.

March 10

Enacted ordinance amendment prohibiting "Window Peeping."

Enacted ordinance amendment providing for certification of Victualers' Licenses by Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Accepted resignation of Edward C. Moran, Jr., as Chairman of City Council and elected Jesse E. Bradstreet as Chairman.

March 31

Ordered that application be made to the War Assets Administration for transfer of the Rockland Municipal Airport with operating equipment to the City of Rockland.

April 14

Denied proposed ordinance repealing one-hour parking on Main Street.

Enacted ordinance amendment providing for two-hour parking on Limerock Street.

Enacted ordinance amendment providing for the installation of Parking Meters on certain streets.

Authorized the borrowing of money for the current fiscal year in anticipation of taxes.

Passed Resolve proclaiming the week of April 20-26 as Clean-Up Week in the City of Rockland.

May 12

Authorized the installation of new street light at 49-53 Cedar Street.

Authorized check be made of referendum petition, by Board of Registration, to determine if petition contained a sufficient number of legal signatures for a referendum election on the ordinance amendment providing for parking meters.

Authorized the execution of a ten-year Street Lighting Contract between the city and the Central Maine Power Company.

June 9

Set the date of September 29, 1947, for a special city election to vote on the question of the proposed Rockland School District.

Granted the extension of a sewer on Frederick Street. Enacted ordinance amendment establishing a Neighborhood "D" Zone in the vicinity of Birch and Maverick Streets.

June 23

Ordered that the auditing firm of Miller, Fish and Dresser of Portland, Maine, be designated to audit the accounts of the city for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947.

Enacted Budget Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$360,457.00 for the ensuing fiscal year, July 1, 1947-June 30, 1948.

Ordered that certain buildings at the Rockland Municipal Airport be placed at the disposal of the Rockland Battery of the 703rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion and that alterations be made to one of the buildings according to specifications of the Adjutant General.



A ROCKLAND RESIDENCE

Departmental Reports

Department of Finance

The Director of Finance has the overall responsibility for the several divisions of this department and in addition has the custody and control of all trust funds and other invested funds of the city government; all bonds and notes of the city; handles all temporary and long term financing; and controls the budget.

Accounting Division

The Accountant has direct control of this division and as such keeps all books and records of accounts for all departments of the city government; checks invoices against purchase orders and makes supporting vouchers accordingly; prepares payrolls in conformity with established rates of pay; writes and distributes all checks; and prepares the monthly financial statement for the City Manager and Council.

Purchasing Division

The Purchasing Agent heads this division and makes all purchases and sales for the city government under the provisions of the City Charter and Ordinances.

The purchasing ordinance governing purchases and sales provides that purchases involving less than two hundred dollars may be made in the open market. Purchases involving more than two hundred but less than five hundred dollars can only be made after posting Notice of Bid on a bulletin board in the City Building three days prior to purchase and in any other manner deemed proper, which includes the practice of sending such notice to vendors or contractors. Purchases involving more than five hundred dollars can only be made after complying with the above posting procedure and in addition by advertising in a newspaper published in Rockland giving at least five days' notice. All bids are opened publicly.

Sales of municipal property valued at less than one hundred dollars may be sold, if no longer required by the city, under the same provisions that govern purchases in that

amount. However, no municipal property valued at one hundred dollars or more and no real estate regardless of value may be sold unless and until the City Council so orders.

During the municipal year 1375 purchase orders were issued, 14 bids were solicited, 7 of which were published in the local press.

Assessment Division

A single City Assessor, as provided for by the City Charter, has control of this division, and he has the same powers, duties, and responsibilities as are conferred upon a Board of Assessors by law, the exception being that a Board of Assessment Review, consisting of three members, is set up for the purpose of reviewing upon complaint of property owners assessments made upon their real properties.

The actual assessment work of this division began on April 1, as provided by law. A house to house canvass was begun on that date and completed April 18. Commercial and industrial valuations are fixed by the coöperation of owners and Assessor by the former filing reports followed by a personal review by the Assessor.

Actual writing of the tax roll began May 8 and was completed June 24 and committed to the Tax Collector on that date.

Valuation and tax rate for this year and the past year follow:

	Land	Buildings	Personal	Total	Tax Rate
1946	\$1,538,067	\$3,853,933	\$1,853,468	\$7,245,468	53 Mills
1947	1,542,625	3,894,945	2,086,837	7,524,407	53 Mills

Poll taxes increased from \$7,740.00 in 1946 to \$7,914.00 in 1947.

Total valuation increased in the amount of \$278,939.00 over the previous year. It will be noted the bulk of the increase is in personal property. This was brought about by heavier inventories, new fixtures, and machinery, which these firms were unable to obtain during the war years.

The tax equalization survey, begun last year, is well on its

way to completion. The drafting of tax maps, ninety-five in number, 24" x 30" in size, scale in built-up section fifty feet to one inch, rural areas one hundred feet to one inch, and forest lands two hundred feet to one inch, and the platting of each piece of property has been completed. The work of actual appraisal of values was let to the Cole, Laver, Trumble Company of Dayton, Ohio, tax revaluation specialists. This work was begun March 29 and was about seventy per cent completed on June 30.

After the equalization work is completed, this division will have a true valuation of every piece of taxable property in the City of Rockland.

Treasury Division

The treasury division has at its head the Treasurer and Tax Collector. These former separate positions are now combined in one by City Ordinance. Under this arrangement one person collects all monies paid to the city whether taxes or other revenue. He deposits all funds in city banks named as depositories and as Treasurer signs all checks paid out by the city.

Tax Collector's Report

The total 1946 commitment and supplemental taxes, less abatements and liens, amounted to \$386,719.00, which has been 99.7 per cent collected.

	Uncollected Nov. 1, 1946	Supple- mental	Total to Collect	Cash Collected	Abate- ments	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1947
1938	\$ 22.44		\$ 22.44	\$ 22.44		none
1939	44.24		44.24	44.24		none
1940	46.32		46.32	46.32		none
1941	62.16		62.16	62.16		none
1942	67.92	\$ 30.00	97.92	97.20	\$.72	none
1943	117.24	30.00	147.24	147.24		none
1944	130.70	39.60	170.30	33.26	4.44	\$ 132.60
1945	582.35	33.63	615.98	111.87	13.46	490.65
1946	130,265.77	704.65	130,970.42	127,034.17	1,565.49	2,370.76
	\$131,339.14	\$ 837.88	\$132,177.02	\$127,598.90	\$1,584.11	\$ 2,994.01
1947						
Comm.	406,711.67	342.07	407,053.74	28,949.33		378,104.41
	\$538,050.81	\$1,179.95	\$539,230.76	\$156,548.23	\$1,584.11	\$381,098.42
		Interest on taxes,		450.71		
		1946 excise tax,		546.09		
		1947 excise tax,		14,323.51		
				\$171,868.54		

***Tabulation of the Amount of Tax Paid by Residents
in Rockland***

	Number	Per Cent	Cumulative Per Cent
Poll tax,	1,082	25.0	25.0
Under \$5.00,	802	18.5	43.5
\$ 5.00 to \$ 9.99	271	6.2	49.7
10.00 to 19.99	229	5.3	55.0
20.00 to 29.99	201	4.6	58.6
30.00 to 39.99	198	4.5	64.1
40.00 to 49.99	182	4.2	68.3
50.00 to 59.99	180	4.1	72.4
60.00 to 69.99	172	3.9	76.3
70.00 to 79.99	129	3.0	79.3
80.00 to 89.99	105	2.4	81.7
90.00 to 99.99	79	1.8	83.5
100.00 to 124.99	186	4.3	87.8
125.00 to 149.99	114	2.6	90.4
150.00 to 174.99	70	1.6	92.0
175.00 to 199.99	67	1.5	93.5
200.00 to 299.99	107	2.5	96.0
300.00 to 399.99	46	1.0	97.0
400.00 to 499.99	19	0.4	97.4
500.00 to 599.99	30	0.7	98.1
600.00 to 699.99	11	0.3	98.4
700.00 to 799.99	7	0.2	98.6
800.00 to 899.99	6	0.1	98.7
900.00 to 999.99	7	0.2	98.9
Over \$1,000.00,	42	1.0	99.9

Records Department

The City Clerk heads this department and is the only administrative officer of the city government elected by the City Council.

He serves as the Clerk of Council; makes all arrangements for elections; issues State and City licenses and permits; maintains all statistics relating to births, marriages, and deaths; performs all duties imposed upon City Clerks by State Law; and performs numerous other duties in the city administration.

During the past year a total of 293 city licenses and permits were issued, hunting and fishing licenses issued for the State totalled 1,020, and dog licenses 634. Marriage licenses issued totalled 127. Vital statistics recorded were: 312 births, 163 marriages, and 123 deaths. 308 copies of vital statistics were issued and 28 copies of Veterans' Discharge Certificates. Chattel mortgages, notes, and condition sales recordings amounted to 336.

Legal Department

This department is controlled by the City Attorney as provided by Ordinance. He represents the city in all matters in which the city is interested coming before any court; drafts ordinances required by the Council or Manager; attends all meetings of Council; acts as legal adviser to the Council, the Manager, and other officers of the city; and performs all other legal work of the city.

The record for the municipal year follows:

Ordinances written or revised,	11
Orders written,	6
Resolves written,	1
Contracts and leases written,	9
City Council meetings attended,	19
Conferences attended,	22
Opinions rendered,	85

One appearance was made by the City Attorney in Municipal Court in the interests of the city and two in Superior Court.

There are now no cases pending by or against the city.

Police Department



RADIO EQUIPPED POLICE CRUISER CAR

This department is, of course, headed by the Chief of Police and is divided into the Patrol Division, Records Division, Investigation Division, Crime Prevention Division, and Traffic Division. The Chief supervises the two first divisions personally and the other three are headed by the Captain, Matron, and Sergeant respectively. The divisional work, however, is so inter-related that a report for each division would not serve as well as one report covering the whole department.

This department, excepting the new recruits, is now composed of well trained and capable men working as an organized team. They have received a course of study under the auspices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and all were instructed by the Fire Chief in the use of the inhalator, resuscitator, and gas-masks. The senior officers have taught them the proper use of their regular equipment, familiarizing them with the laws of the State and the City Ordinances, and most important, how to meet the public on an impartial, neutral basis. Six new men have been appointed during the year, who had to be trained.

coached, and equipped. Each has been taught to take fingerprints. Each has a Federal radio operator's license and an automobile operator's license. Their educational standard is quite high, averaging three years of high school. With but two exceptions, all have seen military war service.

The two-way radio installations in the prowler car and patrol wagon have proven of inestimable value in the few short months of operation. Regardless of location of an occurrence the officer on the scene is in constant touch with headquarters from which he may receive instructions or assistance when required.

The prowler car is in operation on the road twenty-four hours a day and averages well over one hundred miles of streets covered in that period. The radio is the latest design, frequency modulation, which produces static free reception and eliminates interference from other stations. In tests on the road, two-way conversation was carried on from all sections of the city and as far as Lincolnville Beach, twenty miles distant. Attention is called to the fact that formerly when a call came to headquarters, the desk officer turned a switch which lit a red light on Main Street. Some time, depending upon the officer's alertness, was lost in noticing the light. He then walked to the station-house, received his orders and went to the scene. With the present system when the call is received, the desk man picks up the microphone, calls the car and orders the driver to the scene. The car will arrive at any point in the city within three minutes of receipt of the call. The prowler car is equipped with heavy duty tires and blowout-proof inner tubes giving it a margin of safety while in pursuit of get-away car or speeders.

The public parking areas on Tillson Avenue and on Park Street accommodate approximately two hundred and twenty cars. People are making more use of them each day, resulting in a fewer number of traffic tags issued for parking violations and consequently, less assessments are imposed. Then, too, the general public is co-operating by parking away from the main street. As voluntary observance improves, enforcement and penalizing can be reduced and with the installation of the parking meters there will be no justification for complaint when a tag summons is issued.

During the eight month period covered in this report there were eight hundred fifty tag summonses issued. One violator

chose a hearing before the Municipal Court, ten were voided, fifty-one failed to appear, three hundred and seventy-four paid an assessment, and four hundred fourteen were extended a courtesy. Dividing the total tags issued into the two hundred forty-two days covered, brings the average down to less than four tags per day and slightly over one-third were assessed.

On June thirtieth, the last day of the fiscal year, the city's safety record of four years without a fatal accident was broken. This was caused by the thoughtlessness of a young man and should in no way reflect on those hundreds of careful and courteous licensed operators who drive in the city.

The record of the activities of the department for the year is as follows:

Automobile accident-investigations,	57
Investigations of crimes,	474
Doors found unlocked at night,	119

The arrests for the year totalled two hundred eighty-eight. Convictions in these arrests amounted to two hundred seventy-one or approximately ninety-four and one-half per cent. The cases where convictions were not obtained were due principally to the person who made the complaint failing to prosecute in Municipal Court. Figures on the arrests and convictions are as follows:

	Arrests	Convictions
Assault,	25	21
Burglary,	2	2
Disorderly conduct,	3	2
Drunkenness,	180	175
Embezzlement,	1	1
Forgery and counterfeiting,	1	1
Gambling,	1	1
Larceny-robbery,	11	11
Sex offenses,	3	1
Traffic accidents,	3	2
Vagrancy,	2	2
Other offenses,	56	52
	<hr/> 288	<hr/> 271

There were fifty-seven automobile accidents resulting in sixteen persons being injured, one fatally. Property damage

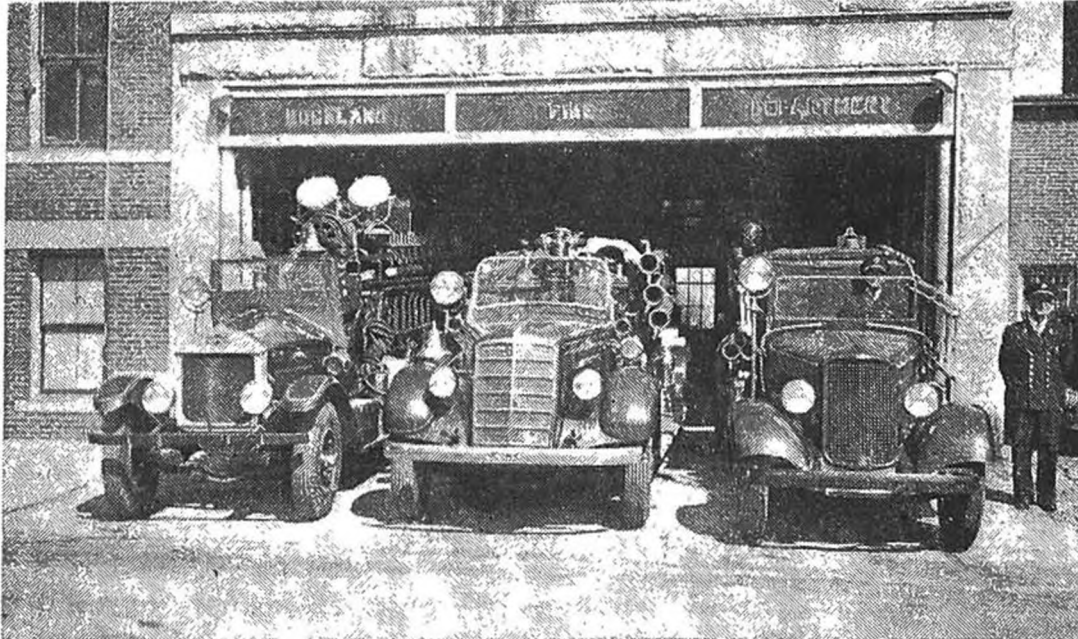
amounted to an estimated seven thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The City Ordinances provide that the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the city shall serve under the direction of the Police Chief and shall have such powers and perform such duties as are required by State Law or City Ordinances.

During the past year 295 scales were tested, 5 condemned, 27 liquid measures, 63 gasoline pumps and 1 vehicle tank tested.

Fire Department



FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES

The Fire Department is made up of three divisions, namely: Extinguishment Division, Fire Prevention Division, and Electrical Division, all under the command of the Fire Chief. The immediate head of the Fire Prevention Division is the Building Inspector, and the Electrical Division head is the City Electrician, each of whom assumes the duties and responsibilities as fixed by law and ordinance.

EXTINGUISHMENT DIVISION

During the past municipal year of eight months a total of 170 calls were answered, 162 of which were in the city and 8 outside. 79 calls were for fires in buildings with an attendant loss of \$14,711.00, or an average of approximately \$179.00 per fire. There were 30 grass fires, all of which were extinguished with no resultant damage. 10 vehicle fires were extinguished with very small loss. 21 calls were of an emergency nature such as drownings, pumping out boats in a sinking condition, and rescue work with the department's first aid units. This work resulted in saving two lives by the use of the resuscitator, saving two valuable boats and cargo from sinking at wharf, and saving the contents of two houses from water damage during severe storm by the use of salvage blankets.

Valuable assistance has been rendered other towns in controlling fires, and the senior officers of the department have helped to organize Fire Departments in the towns of Warren and St. George.

Sixteen fire drills were held, and lectures and public meetings conducted where total audiences numbered 558 persons.

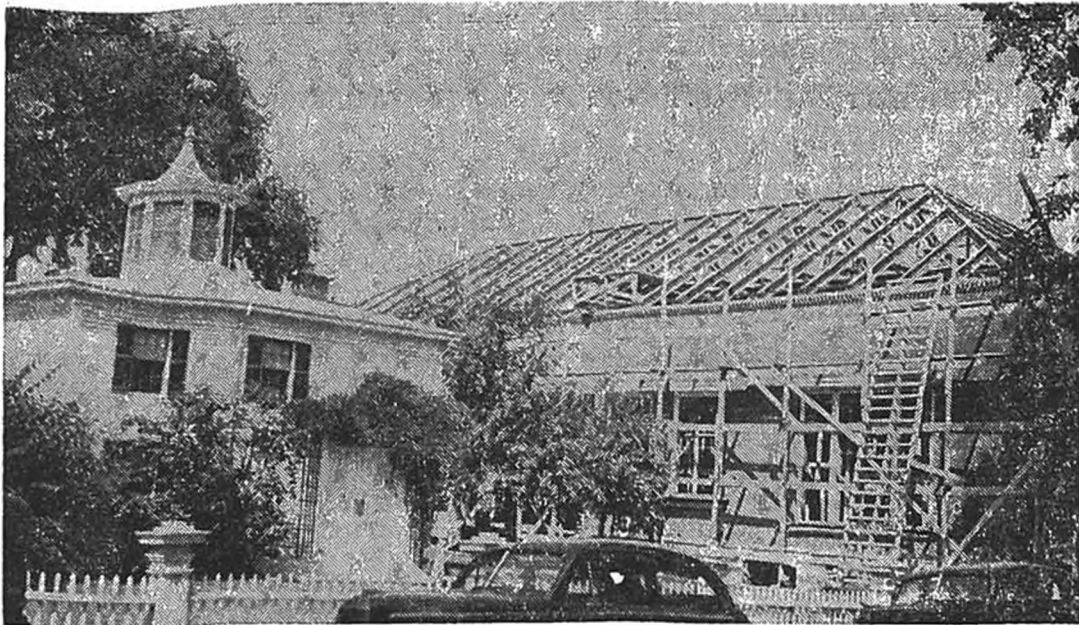
A new CO₂ recharging unit has been added to the department's equipment which provides greatly increased service to the city as well as to the surrounding towns and our marine properties. Fire extinguisher recharging service has now reached to 1,000 units of all types.

FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

The fire prevention program has been vigorously carried out and undoubtedly a number of fires have been prevented where potential hazards existed. A total of 673 original inspections and 279 reinspections were made during the municipal year. 215 violations were found with 185 corrected by this division or by referrals to other departments responsible, which referrals numbered 51. Extensions were granted in 14 cases and 24 complaints received proper attention.

Public safety details to the number of 32 were furnished, and 5 sprinkler alarm tests conducted.

Several old, delapidated buildings were condemned and re-



NEW BUILDING 1947

moved and several more are pending.

Permits for new buildings and repairs have been issued as follows:

Class	New Construction		Enlargements and Structural Alterations		Totals	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Residential	18	\$ 17,155	30	\$ 6,670	48	\$ 23,755
Commercial	9	29,575	10	4,430	19	34,005
Industrial	8	104,900	7	4,450	15	109,350
Totals	35	151,630	47	15,480	82	167,110

Note: Residential includes private garages, etc.

ELECTRICAL DIVISION

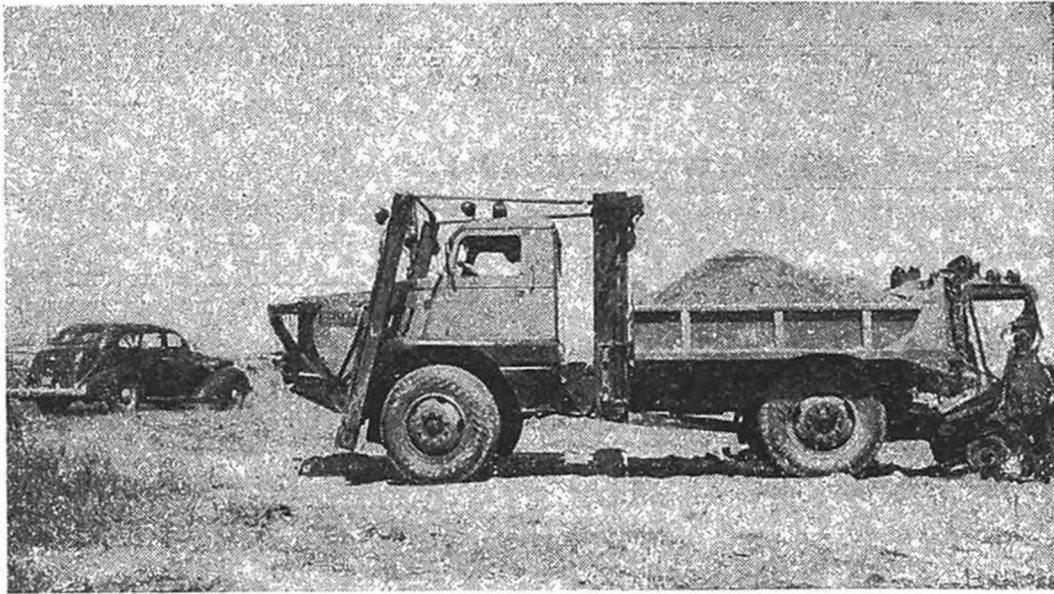
The city's fire alarm system has had a thorough overhauling with all boxes equipped with ground rods. Several thousand feet of new alarm wire has been installed and all old iron wire removed. Four new alarm boxes were added during the year. There is now a complete coverage in the industrial and com-

mercial sections, and new installations in the residential sections are being made each year until a complete coverage is attained.

The electrical installation report for other work in the city follows :

New installations inspected,	16
Additional installations inspected,	74
Rechecks after first inspection,	8
Old installations inspected,	24
Certificates issued to Central Maine Power Company,	16
Certificates issued to owner,	73

Public Works Department



PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK

The Director of Public Works heads this department which is made up of the Engineering Division, Maintenance Division, Division of Cemeteries, Parks and Trees, and the Division of Motor Equipment.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The City Engineer, as head of this division, is responsible for the design and construction of all public works performed by the city, for the custody and care of all maps and plans of sewers, streets, sidewalks, property lines, etc. He makes all necessary surveys and keeps cost accounts of construction work, prepares contracts and specifications and other incidental work.

This appointment was only made three months prior to the end of the municipal year, and during that period general engineering work as above has been done.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

This division is supervised by the Superintendent of Maintenance who has charge of the operation and maintenance of the city's sewerage system, maintenance of sidewalks, streets, other public lands, grounds and buildings, street cleaning and tarring, and snow removal.

During the month following the beginning of the municipal year, November 1, in addition to general seasonal maintenance work preparations were made for the snow removal program.

A power shovel equipped with a snow bucket had been purchased the previous spring for use in the loading of snow for removal from the business district. A new tractor equipped with a V sidewalk snow plow, a three-ton truck equipped with a V snow plow and wing, and a new blade plow were purchased before any snow fell. This, with equipment already on hand, gave us the following for our winter work:

- 1 Walter's 7½-ton truck with V plow and wing.
- 1 3-ton truck with V plow and wing.
- 1 2-ton truck with V plow.
- 2 2-ton trucks with blade plows.
- 2 tractors with sidewalk plows.
- 1 power shovel with snow bucket.

In addition to the above we purchased and erected 3,000 feet of additional snow fence, making a total of 4,500 feet erected.

Snow plowing and removal and sanding on city streets, sidewalks, and roads required 197 man and equipment hours in November, 1,561 in December, 1,922 in January, 253 in February, 894 in March, and 111 in April.

The same work on State roads took a total of 130 man and equipment hours.

Spring work consisted of drainage work, including catch basin repair and extensive patching of tar surfaced streets owing to the prolonged wet weather. A total of 186 cubic yards of tar patch was used in this work.

A gravel supply for tar cover was hauled and stockpiled preparatory to tarring operations which began the last week in June, or immediately prior to the end of the municipal year.

The planned work programs of this division can seldom be carried out on schedule owing to the vast amount of repair work that continuously becomes necessary on old and poorly constructed installations.



RESIDENTIAL STREET CLEARED OF SNOW

DIVISION OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT

This division is as yet not properly developed owing to lack

of available space. The repair and maintenance of all our motor equipment has, however, been done by this division and that work has been excessive owing to so much of our equipment being old and, as a consequence, more or less worn.

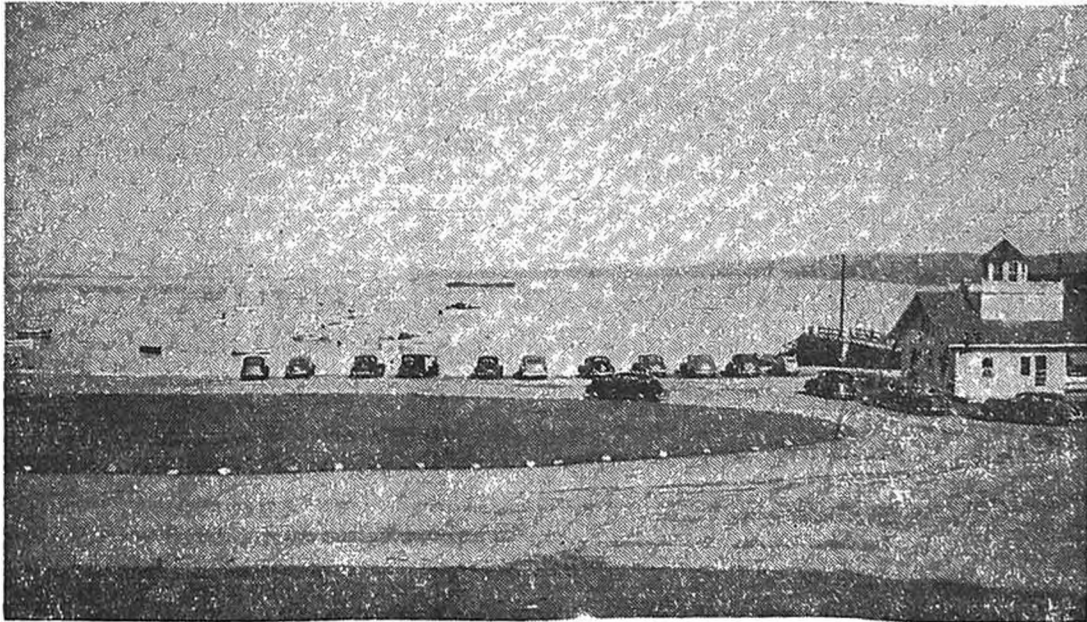
With the acquisition of much new equipment actual repair work is becoming less but the greater number of units necessitates more non-repair maintenance.

DIVISION OF CEMETERIES, PARKS AND TREES

We have no such division organized as yet. The cemetery maintenance and the development and maintenance of our parks have been taken care of by the engineering and maintenance division.

The tree surgery has been done by a qualified forester engaged to do that specific work.

Last year a five-year program of shade tree trimming, removal and replacement was begun. A total of 49 trees were trimmed and two large trees removed on Broadway and Warren Street.



ROCKLAND MUNICIPAL LANDING

Public Welfare Department

The Director of Public Welfare heads this department and is responsible for the planning, budgeting, reporting, and control of the welfare program. He performs all the duties imposed by state law upon Overseers of Poor and the Municipal Board of Child Welfare. The City Physician and Superintendent of the City Farm serve under the administrative direction of the Director.

The relief load of all categories has been fairly constant throughout the municipal year. The table follows:

AVERAGE RELIEF LOAD — PERSONS

	State	Other Towns	City	Total
Poor relief,	41	9	60	110
Sanatorium,			3	3
City Farm inmates,			16	16
Board and care of children,			14	14
Aid to dependent children,			47	47
Total,	41	9	140	190

NOTE: Sanatorium: The city pays the State \$2.00 per week for each patient having legal settlement in the city.

Board and Care of Children: The city pays the State two-thirds of the cost and the State receives Federal grants.

Aid to Dependent Children: The Federal Government pays one-half the cost, the city one-third, and the State one-sixth.

See Auditor's report for costs.

CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician is responsible for the care of the indigent sick who are supported by the city. He also attends to injured persons confined in the Police Station; administers professional care to city employees injured in the line of duty; conducts physical examinations of candidates for city employment; vaccinates scholars of the public schools; and performs certain other professional work.

His principal activities for the municipal year follow:

House calls for indigent sick,	37
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Office calls for indigent sick.	16
Calls at Police Station,	11
Calls at City Farm,	16
Old age assistance calls,	3
Examination of candidates,	9
Administration of ether,	2
Value of medicine supplied,	\$34.00

CITY FARM



FIELD CROP AT CITY FARM

The Superintendent has direct charge of the City Farm, develops a farm program, and attends to the needs of those committed to his care, keeping a register and complete record of same.

As shown by the above table the farm inmates averaged 16 for the municipal year. The total cost of operating the farm for the eight months was \$4,837.00, including repairs to buildings and new equipment. The sale of pork and other farm produce, however, amounts to \$2,584.00, resulting in a total net cost of \$2,253.00. This works out at a cost of about \$17.60 per person per month, which is extremely low.

It might be thought that the inmates are poorly fed to obtain such a low cost, but on the contrary, they are well fed as a typical menu will show:

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, doughnuts or cookies, coffee.

Dinner: Boiled potatoes, creamed fish, spinach greens, bread and butter, corn starch pudding, coffee.

Supper: Potato and fish hash, bread and butter, sauce, coffee or cocoa.

Health Department



NURSES HOME KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL

The ordinance establishing this department reads: "There shall be a Department of Public Health, the head of which shall be the Health Officer who shall be a physician. . . ."

In this department also, are the Inspector of Dairy Products and the Plumbing Inspector under the direction of the Health Officer.

The duties of the Health Officer are to have charge of all

functions involved in preserving the public health. He has the power of quarantine and detention; inspects and regulates all sanitary matters affecting the public health; inspects premises where licenses are applied for requiring his certification; and examines complaints made concerning nuisances dangerous to life and health.

The report of the Health Officer follows:

Following the Hallowe'en Frolic at the Community Building a mild epidemic of scarlet fever broke out which lasted until June, 1947.

Chicken pox was reported in large numbers, and many cases were unreported.

Itch was a major item among school children, the McLain School having many cases.

The sewer system causes trouble as usual, there being many private sewers and drains, and public sewers that are too small for present day flow.

The District Health Nursing Association is doing good work in promoting vaccination and inoculation for diphtheria and whooping cough.

The marked decrease in the number of contagious diseases proves the value of preventive measures in use.

INSPECTOR OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

The Inspector of Dairy Products performs the duties and has the powers conferred by state law.

During the past year he inspected 15 dairies in Rockland, South Thomaston and Rockport. 12 samples of milk were tested for butter fat and sediment and 10 samples for streptococcus of the udder. Many summer visitors were given information concerning pasteurization, etc. He has accompanied and co-operated with the State Milk Inspector on his visits here. The markets where dairy products are sold have been inspected.

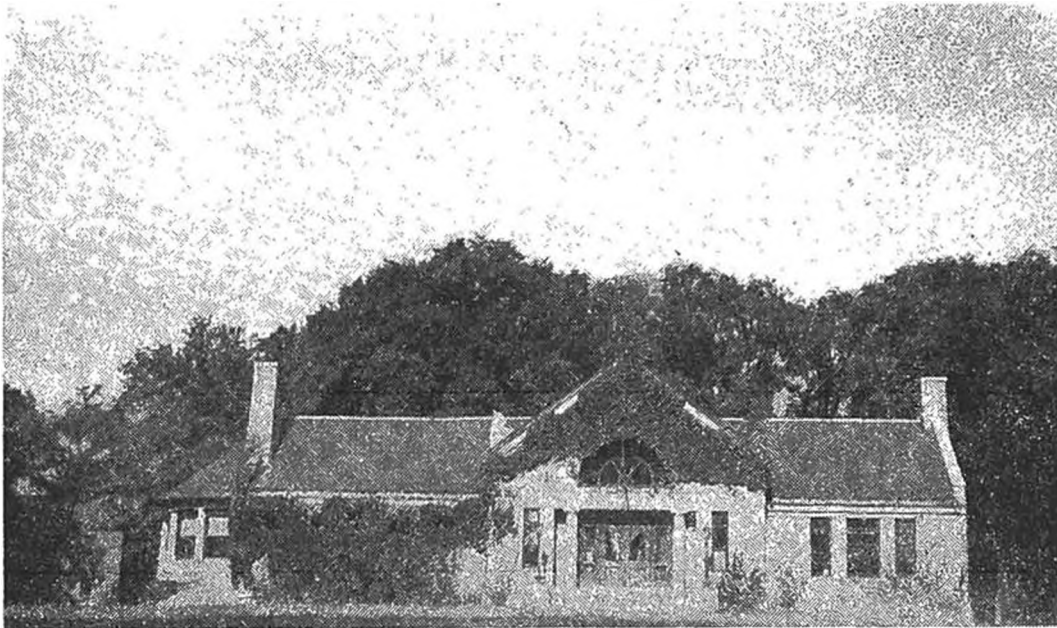
PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The State Plumbing Code was adopted by the City of Rock-

land, and the Plumbing Inspector has the authority and performs the duties as authorized by the Code.

His work during the past year consisted of issuing permits, inspecting and issuing certificates of inspection for 32 toilets, 29 lavatories, 14 bathtubs, 4 showers, and 16 sinks.

Library Department



ROCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City Librarian, who heads this department, establishes rules and regulations for the government of the library under state law and city ordinance. She has charge of all functions pertaining to service of that institution; exercises executive direction over the staff; prepares requisitions for books, periodicals and supplies and submits same to the Purchasing Agent; presents bills monthly for payment, and prepares the budget estimates for presentation to the City Manager.

The report for the last municipal year follows:

The eight months of the fiscal year from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, has been a period of intensive work and broad-

ening of library activities. There is no exact method by which the real usefulness of a public library to its community may be measured, but statistics show that our library has been more than a mere storehouse for reading matter.

Circulation records show that 31,738 books were circulated for home use, a gain of 2,505 over the same eight months of last year. 23,715 books were borrowed from the adult department and 8,023 from the juvenile, 56 pictures and pamphlets were loaned, and 2,658 books were circulated through school deposit libraries.

In the adult department 722 books were added and 171 discarded, making a total of 18,174 in this department. In the juvenile department 161 books were added and 127 discarded, making a total in the juvenile department of 3,495. The total book stock at the end of the year is 21,669.

438 adults have registered and 174 juveniles, making a total registration of 2,795, an increase of 152 over last year. There are 316 non-resident borrowers. The non-residents represent summer visitors, out-of-town students attending our local schools, and residents of nearby towns and cities.

Though no figures are kept as to the number of reference questions that come to the desk or over the telephone, there has been a considerable increase in this phase of the work of the library. Much assistance has been given in finding material on special subjects for the various club members throughout the city. With the Maine State Library and the Bangor Public Library to supplement our own collection we are able to meet most of our demands. 62 books were borrowed from these two libraries during the year.

In January the Library Advisory Board began a series of Book Review Evenings. The meetings were held once a month, January through May, at the library. Three evenings were devoted to current book reviews; one evening to poetry; and one to drama. The average attendance at these meetings was 40 people and the Advisory Board feel it was a very worthwhile project.

In April a Hospital Service was started. Books and magazines are taken to the hospital once a week and the circulation for the three months was 88. The patients are very appreciative of this service.

The librarian was again called upon to give book talks to several of the clubs and also to the high school faculty.

Work on the revision of the catalogue has been steadily advancing and it is hoped that this work will be completed during the winter. The inventory in both the adult and juvenile department has been taken; 245 books have been mended; and 581 overdue notices sent.

The library received many gifts during the year. Donations of money were received from the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, American Legion, Educational Club, Junior Women's Club, Mr. Wettingell and Mr. Vincent Pellicani. A gift of Grove's "Dictionary of Music and Musicians" was presented by the Rubenstein Club; and 187 books were gifts of individuals.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

The children's work continued to be an active part of the library routine. The library received the co-operation of the teachers in all its activities.

Children's Book Week was observed in November, with many new books on display.

The Saturday morning story hours have continued to be a popular feature of the children's work. 24 story hours were held with an average attendance of 38 children.

Two Brownie Troops visited the library accompanied by their leaders. Each troop was shown over the building and told the history of the library by the librarian.

Be Kind to Animal Week was observed in co-operation with the Humane Society. Pupils of the six grades wrote essays on "Be Kind to Animals" and prizes were awarded the best essays in each grade by the Humane Officer.

There was a marked increase in the use of school library service this year. Collections of books were sent to schools in Owl's Head, South Thomaston, Cushing, Ash Point, and Saint George, and the books were available to the children for reading at the schools. Reading records were kept by the teachers, and the circulation for the year was 2,658.

Public Library Statistics, based on the form recommended

by the American Library Association. Annual report for the eight months ending June 30, 1947.

ROCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Date of founding,	1892
Population served,	8,899
Number of days open during the year (8 months),	200
Hours open each week,	69

BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year,	17,613	3,451	21,064
Number of volumes added during year,	722	171	893
Number of volumes withdrawn and lost,	161	127	288
Total number of volumes at end of year,	18,174	3,495	21,669
Number of volumes in rental collection,			115
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received,			93

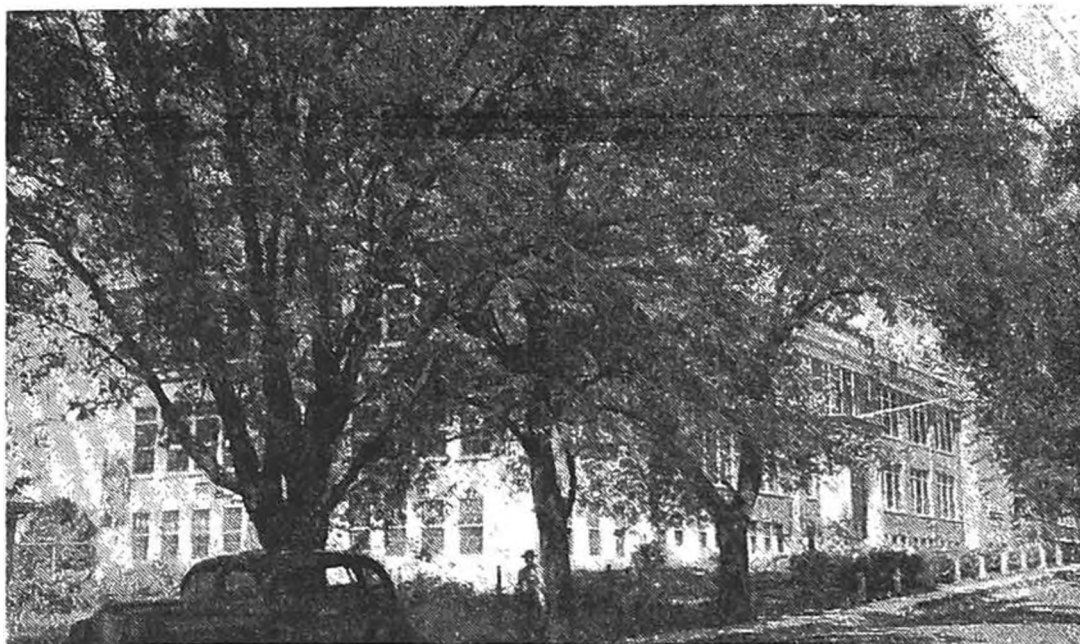
USE OF LIBRARY BOOKS

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total number of volumes loaned,	23,715	8,023	31,738
Number of volumes of fiction loaned,	17,507	6,436	23,943
Per cent of fiction of total number loaned,			75%
Circulation per capita,			3.56
Number of pictures, pamphlets, etc., loaned,			56
Circulation in school deposit libraries,			2,658
Average daily circulation for year,			158

REGISTRATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total number of borrowers to date,	2,041	754	2,795
Total number of borrowers registered during year,	438	174	612
Per cent of registered borrowers of population served,			31.4%
Number of staff,	3		
Substitute,	1		
Janitor,	1		

Department of Education



ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintending School Committee of the City of Rockland:

This annual report of the condition and progress of the Rockland School Department covers the transitional municipal year beginning November 1, 1946, and ending June 30, 1947. It is the fourth submitted by the present administration.

The summary of enrollments in the various schools of the city as of the end of the school year is as follows:

Building	S.P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	Totals
Benner Hill,	2	8	1	6	4										21
Crescent St.,	22	14													36
Grace St.,					30	27									57
McLain,	38	31	42	31	30	55	108								335
Purchase St.,	42	38	61	52	28										221
Tyler,	42	37	42	29	32	29									211
High School,								137	134	124	105	96	80	5	681
	146	128	146	118	124	111	108	137	134	124	105	96	80	5	1,562

These figures represent the actual net enrollment at the end of the year. At times during the year, nearly every room had a larger number of pupils than that shown in these net figures.

It is obvious that a report of this type cannot be all-inclusive. For that reason, the attention of the reader is called to the fact that the following topics do not cover all the activities of the school department, but rather, those that are significant and typical. Many others warrant mention here, but have been omitted because of the limitations of space.

For a statement of the financial condition of the school department the reader is referred to the report of the City Finance Officer.

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

The work of the Rockland District Nursing Association continues to be invaluable in the eyes of the school department. Without the services of this agency, under present conditions, little if any health work of an organized and constructive nature could be done in the schools. This association, working under contract with the school department, furnishes an average of a little more than a week's work each month for one nurse, in addition to a great deal of emergency work and related home visitation. In addition, it secures and organizes the services of physicians, dentists, nurses' aides, and optometrists.

The pre-school clinics held during the summer are most valuable and reach a large percentage of the children entering the sub-primary grade in September. They are, however, less important from the standpoint of the number of children served, than the regular work done within the schools during the school year. A brief and partial digest of this work follows:

Pupils weighed, measured, and examined,	1,556
Number having defects.	476
Number with defective teeth,	476
Corrections,	109
Number with defective throats,	139
Corrections,	20
Number with defective vision,	122
Corrections,	57
Consultations with parents,	372

Inspections of toilets and grounds,	52
Addresses to P. T. A.'s,	3

The shop program in the high school has developed to the point where further changes have become mandatory. The great popularity of this course led to an enrollment exceeding 150 during the past year. With the physical space available, this constitutes a serious condition of overcrowding, lowering both the standards of efficiency in instruction and of safety. For this reason it has become necessary to eliminate industrial shop as an elective subject for grade 8. The Industrial Shop, with units in woodworking, automotive mechanics, metalworking, and electricity, will be elective for all senior high school boys. The Vocational Shop, with units in metalworking, automotive mechanics, building trades, and related subjects will be available to boys of the upper two classes.

The program of driver education, pioneered in Maine by Rockland High School, was forced to lapse during the past spring. This was forced by the illness of the one qualified instructor available locally, and by the inability of the State Police to furnish the services of an officer as has been done frequently in the past. This loss is hoped to be only temporary, since the administration recognizes the great value of this type of education.

The attendance of pupils within the compulsory school age has continued to improve, registering a 10% gain over the figures for the previous year. At the same time, prosecutions of parents for causing truancy have declined by about one-half. We still have a few parents who set their own convenience above the welfare of their children, and a few who just do not care, but the majority are now seeing to it that their children attend school regularly.

As has been the practice for the past three years, every pupil in school is measured with at least one nationally standardized test each year. In all cases possible, those demonstrating the need are tested at greater lengths with specialized instruments designed to aid the teachers in evaluating and determining areas needing special attention. The test results are kept as a part of each pupil's record, and teachers are encouraged to make use of the data in planning their offerings. The general scholastic averages reflected by these tests is moderately satisfactory, all factors considered, but can and must be

improved. Such improvement, through work in developing the curriculum, and through promotion of in-service training for teachers, is one of the prime objectives of the school department.

PROGRESS MADE

The attempt to evaluate progress is highly subjective, and frequently a matter of controversy. The following items represent a sampling of the many items in which it is felt that a real improvement has been made.

Through the good offices of the City Council, and also through an increase in the funds to be made available by the State of Maine, it has been possible to install a new salary schedule for teachers, more in keeping with the trends and exigencies of the times than the several previous schedules. With state aid for the coming year increasing by \$280.00 for each regular teacher (shop, home economics, physical education excepted) it has been possible to make increases of a minimum of \$350.00 and a maximum of \$450.00 in the basic salary schedule, and corresponding increases to the special and non-scale teachers.

The school janitors, upon whom a part of the burden of public education falls, have also received consideration. It has been made possible for these men to join the city employees' retirement system, with back dues paid up by the city, thus qualifying for pension rights when they retire. All but one of the janitors have taken advantage of this opportunity. In addition to this, each man now has two weeks vacation with full pay, and will receive a small additional increase in salary with the beginning of the school year in September.

During the past year, two extension courses have been held in Rockland, offering opportunities for improvement and advancement for teachers of this city and the surrounding towns. To express its approval of this sort of work, and to encourage teachers to participate, the school department paid the tuition charges for all Rockland teachers taking the courses and completing them successfully.

The Secondary Extension course, offered by the University of Maine, with the help of the State Department of Education, engaged in a study of the elements of the secondary school pro-

gram and methods. This course enjoyed an enrollment of about 32, of which 11 were Rockland teachers.

The elementary teachers were offered a course in the teaching of Science in the elementary school by the Harvard-Boston University Extension Bureau. This course covered the field of subject-matter and method in Science at the elementary school level, and resulted in the development of a new course of study in that subject which we plan to institute in the schools this fall. This course enjoyed an enrollment of 53, of which 15 were Rockland teachers.

The system, new to Rockland, of employing an Elementary Supervisor, was begun in November, 1946, and appears to be working out very well. The creation of this position has resulted in obtaining a person with a greater amount of specialized training than is had by regular teachers. This teacher is able to devote her full time to working with and supervising the work of the classroom teachers, helping them with certain individual pupils and subjects, organizing and interpreting the testing program, and similar activities. The teachers, on the whole, are rapidly learning how to make use of this new service. It provides closer and more helpful supervision than the principals and superintendent, because of other demands upon their time, have ever been able to give.

A little progress in the field of visual education has been made, and much more is yet to come. At the end of this school year, it was possible to purchase three strip-film projectors for use in the elementary schools. After a series of study groups devoted to discussion and analysis concerning the use of these aids, it is hoped to put these into full use this coming fall. A central library of films for these machines is still needed, and a beginning of such a collection will be one of the first expenditures of the new year. In the McLain School, the use of a still projector will supplement the use of the motion picture machine, while in the other elementary schools, these projectors will be the only ones available.

A considerable amount of progress has been made in the systematic teaching of Safety in both the high and elementary schools. Materials purchased from the National Safety Council are furnished to the teachers of all buildings, and many devote regular periods to such instruction. This is considered to be of greatest importance in the elementary grades and in the

high school shop and laboratories. An extension of this instruction is evident in that the Police Department has made known its plans to organize safety patrols among the pupils during the coming year.

LOOKING AHEAD

Any constructive review of past events gives rise to implications for future action. Whether or not the above review has been constructive, it has produced a number of implications, the most pressing of which are outlined below.

One of the unfortunate experiences of the school department this spring was the inability to issue contracts to teachers at the customary time in April. This situation resulted from the failure of the new City Charter and Ordinances to take into consideration the needs of the school department in this respect. It was not possible for the administration of the school department to know what its new budget would be until early in June, and for that reason the issuing of teachers' contracts had to be delayed until the last few days of school. This caused a delay of a month or six weeks in the recruiting of new personnel to replace teachers leaving the system, and put the Rockland School Department at some disadvantage as compared with other school departments in this respect. It is hoped that some change in the city ordinances may be made, allowing for a much earlier determination of the school appropriations.

Three changes or additions to personnel have been authorized and will take place at the beginning of the next school year. Each fills a need which has long been felt, and which has been considered in school reports of previous years. The first is an increase in the amount of time allowed for supervision in music. For many years, Rockland has had a part-time supervisor in this field, receiving approximately three days supervision each week. The same supervisor will, from now on, devote her time exclusively to the Rockland schools. The second extension of time is in the field of art. For the last three years, art supervision has occupied about one day each week, and has been restricted to the elementary grades. Arrangements have now been made whereby a competent supervisor will devote half-time to this work for the coming year, with the probability that this will be increased to full time during the following year. This extension will allow, if physical facilities permit, in-

troduction of some direct instruction in art in the high school.

The third, and most important addition, will be that of a full-time Director of Guidance in the high school. Many of the essential functions of Educational and Vocational Guidance have been carried on in Rockland High School for many years by the principal and teachers. This has, however, suffered from lack of time, and to a lesser extent, from lack of sufficient specialized training on the part of the staff as a whole. It is proposed now to improve the situation by engaging a man with the necessary special preparation, and to provide him with the time and materials to inaugurate a full-fledged guidance program. It is believed that this will constitute one of the most far-reaching steps ever taken in connection with secondary education in this city.

For the coming year, the school department has entered into a contract with a local bus operator for the conveyance of all pupils now conveyed by the city-owned bus. It is believed that this will effect an operating economy, and at the same time result in improved service. It will now be possible to have the Highlands and the Camden Street routes covered at the same time, by use of two busses, and thus eliminate the necessity of staggering the opening and closing hours of the schools involved as has heretofore been the practice.

The institution of a regular program in Thrift has been planned for the coming year. With the end of the war, the sale of War Savings Stamps and Bonds fell off to such an extent that it was abandoned. This proposed addition is intended to take its place, and should be a distinct addition to the elementary curriculum. Such programs have been used in many other communities for years, and, properly carried on, result in a very valuable type of education. •

It is also proposed, during the coming year, to extend instruction in remedial reading through grades 7 and 8. There is just as much need for the work in these grades as in the lower years, but we have not previously been in a position to put such a change into effect. This step is being taken in the expectation of eventually carrying this type of instruction through the system as far as it may be needed, which, in most school systems, means through grade 12.

The final item in this section dealing with the future will

concern itself with the school plant and what it is proposed to do about it. Since the condition of our plant has been stated in previous reports, and has been the subject of many public discussions and a number of newspaper articles, it will not be reviewed here. It should be enough to say that nearly all of the physical plant is outworn and outmoded, and that all areas of the city, and particularly the South End, need improvement at the earliest possible date.

Since the city debt is so close to the legal limit as to make impossible any large amount of construction, a school district bill was introduced at and passed by the last Legislature. This bill sets up the Rockland School District, a corporate entity having the power to issue bonds for the purpose of building a new and adequate schoolhouse. This bill will become law only after it is approved by the voters of Rockland in referendum this September.

Since a bill of similar intent was defeated in referendum a number of years ago, it is evident that a real campaign of public education must be carried on between now and the time of the voting. Material for such a campaign is already at hand, and will be greatly supplemented when an expert survey, conducted by Dr. Herbert G. Blair, of Boston University, is completed and published during the late summer. The cost of the survey is to be divided equally between the Rockland School Department and the State Department of Education.

The greatest aid in the passage of this law is expected from the efforts of the P. T. A.'s of the city, sponsored and co-ordinated by the recently created Central Council. The membership of these valuable organizations has already evinced great interest in and approval of the measure, and has laid the groundwork for an educational program which should ensure its adoption.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to the Superintending School Committee, the City Council and Manager, the staff of the Rockland schools, and the people of Rockland for the enlightened co-operation and understanding with which they have met my efforts during the year now past.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. LUNT,

Superintendent of Schools.

A Resolve Fixing the Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1948

Resolved, by the City Council, that the following appropriations be made to defray the expenses of the City of Rockland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive and finance,	\$ 7,906.00	
Assessment,	10,076.00	
Collections and treasury,	4,650.00	
Accounting and purchasing,	2,126.00	
Legal,	920.00	
Records,	4,326.00	
Registrations and elections,	1,850.00	
City Hall,	2,610.00	
General,	1,840.00	
Total general government,		\$36,304.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police department,	\$29,620.00	
Fire department,	41,350.00	
Building inspection,	200.00	
Electrical inspection,	300.00	
City lighting,	12,690.00	
Total public safety,		\$84,160.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

General,	\$1,120.00	
City dump,	1,400.00	
Total health department,		\$2,520.00

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Engineering,	\$ 3,200.00	
Maintenance,	3,175.00	

Sanitation,	6,600.00	
Highways,	23,550.00	
Mechanical,	17,375.00	
Parks and trees,	2,650.00	
State roads,	2,614.00	
Capital improvements,	3,000.00	
Total public works,		\$62,164.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Administration,	\$3,174.00	
Poor relief,	7,000.00	
State institutions,	4,300.00	
City farm,	6,445.00	
Total welfare,		\$20,919.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and general,	\$7,870.00
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RECREATION

Salaries and general,	\$3,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Contingent,	\$3,000.00	
Memorial Day,	200.00	
McLoon Wharf,	1,500.00	
Community building,	180.00	
Abatements,	2,500.00	
Delinquent taxes,	110.00	
Pensions,	6,850.00	
Armory,	500.00	
Total unclassified,		\$14,840.00

DEBT SERVICE

Interest,	\$10,500.00	
Debt reduction,	15,000.00	
Total debt service,		\$25,500.00
		\$257,777.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Bank stock tax,	\$ 1,500.00	
City farm sales,	3,000.00	
Excise tax,	15,000.00	
Fire department,	600.00	
Interest,	300.00	
Licenses and fees,	2,600.00	
Miscellaneous,	1,030.00	
Pensions,	4,800.00	
Police department,	2,800.00	
Public works department,	1,000.00	
Total anticipated revenue,		32,630.00
Net city budget,		\$225,147.00
Education, net,		135,310.00
Total city budget,		\$360,457.00
State tax,		51,105.00
County tax,		16,750.00
Total budget,		\$428,312.00

Auditor's Report — City of Rockland
For the Eight Months Ending June 30, 1947

To the Members of the City Council, Rockland, Maine.

GENTLEMEN :

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the books of account and records of the City of Rockland for the eight months period ended June 30, 1947, and herewith submit the appended exhibits and schedules reflecting the results of the municipal operations of the city for the period ended June 30, 1947, together with the financial condition of the city at the close of the eight months period.

This examination has consisted of an audit of the records of the City Treasurer and Tax Collector. During the course of our examination we have made test checks of disbursements by the City Treasurer and examined the supporting checks and vouchers. We have ascertained that vouchers are being properly approved. We have also ascertained that all taxes committed to the collector have been accounted for either by cash collections, abatements, or reflected on the books as uncollected taxes at the close of the period. We have examined all Trust Funds and have ascertained that same are properly accounted for, and that all income has been received and properly recorded.

In Exhibit "A" we are submitting complete detail of the financial condition of the City of Rockland as at June 30, 1947, which exhibit is divided into three distinct sections as follows :

General Revenue Accounts—

Reflecting the accounts relating to the General Revenues and Appropriations, and having to do with the general operations of the various city functions and departments.

Long Term Debt—

Reflecting the total long term debt outstanding and the net balance to be retired from future appropriations.

Trust Fund—

Reflecting the funds held by the city in trust and investments of same.

No consideration is given in this report to capital properties owned by the city.

In connection with the financial condition as at June 30, 1947 (Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A") we invite your attention to the following comments on the various items appearing therein:

CASH:

On deposit:

First National Bank of Rockland,	\$ 5,409.62
Knox County Trust Company,	10,951.07
Cash on hand,	229.20
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	\$16,589.89

We have verified the foregoing by confirmation of cash on deposit direct with depositary banks and the cash on hand by actual count. All of the foregoing is available for current use.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AND TAX LIENS: \$386,037.96

We have examined the Tax Commitment to the collector for the year 1947 and have ascertained that all taxes have been properly accounted for through collection, abatements, or are still outstanding on the collector's records as taxes due the city. We made no confirmation of unpaid taxes direct with taxpayers.

We are submitting in Schedule AI the amount of outstanding taxes as at June 30, 1947, and October 31, 1946.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX LIENS: \$2,666.25

In Schedule AII we are submitting detailed list of property acquired by liens. During the current period, \$1,534.19 has been added to this account and \$2,622.52 has been received, leaving a closing uncollected balance of \$2,666.25, and advance credits against liens of \$409.44.

Tax liens are carried as unpaid taxes until after the expiration of the redemption period, when they are transferred

to the foregoing account and all payments received on account of taxes on property acquired by lien are credited, although subsequent liens are not charged until after the redemption period has expired. Credits are carried as deferred income and will be eventually applied to these liens.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY DEED, ETC.: \$9.55

In Schedule AIII we are submitting detail of property acquired principally for poor relief. During the current period \$185.49 has been added to this account, representing charges for taxes, water rates and repairs, and \$386.00 has been credited leaving an outstanding amount of \$9.55 at the close of the period.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: \$1,105.28

In Schedule AIV we are submitting further detail relative to outstanding accounts at the close of the period as follows:

Due from State of Maine—State poor, \$1,105.28

NOTES PAYABLE: \$94,500.00

Further detail of the outstanding notes is as follows:

First National Bank of Rockland:

Temporary loan, \$80,000.00

School land note, 4,500.00

John O. McIntyre Estate, 10,000.00

\$94,500.00

All notes have been confirmed direct with the holder of each.

ACCRUED INTEREST:

Bond coupons not presented, \$834.75

We have verified the foregoing by actual computation and examination of the bond coupons.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Fire department, \$ 3,000.00

Highway fund, 2,500.00

Mechanical, 8,000.00

Parks and trees, 400.00

Welfare department:

Administration, \$1,249.00

City farm, 1,000.00

2,249.00

School department,	3,526.27
Public library,	1,000.00
Seaview Cemetery,	610.81
State tax,	51,105.30
County tax,	16,750.44
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	\$89,141.82

The above balances are carried forward and are available for expenditures during subsequent years.

DEFERRED INCOME: \$409.44

The above represents payments on tax liens not charged at the close of the period.

GENERAL FUND SURPLUS:

In Exhibit "B" we are submitting complete detail of the changes in the General Fund Surplus during the period.

SINKING FUND AND LONG TERM DEBT:

In Schedule AVII we are submitting a detailed summary of the outstanding bonds at June 30, 1947. This schedule is self-explanatory and further comments are deemed unnecessary.

TRUST FUNDS: \$66,239.56

We have examined all trust funds held by the city, ascertained that the principal and unused income is properly accounted for and that all disbursements of income were properly made. Complete detail of these funds is submitted in Schedule AVIII and AVIIIa.

General Comments

As a result of the new charter of the City of Rockland the municipal year has been changed from October 31st to June 30th. Appropriations for the last fiscal year were for the period from October 31, 1946, to June 30, 1947, covering a period of eight months expenditures. Inasmuch as taxes are assessed on April 1st of each year from which monies are received to cover the municipal expenditures for the period to the next April 1st, it is essential that a general fund surplus be maintained in

an amount equal to the estimated expenditures from June 30th to the following April 1st plus an adequate allowance for uncollected taxes and tax liens. The present surplus which amounts to \$221,588.04 should be carefully maintained.

The results of the municipal operations for the past eight months period are clearly reflected in the following:

Increase in General Fund Surplus,	\$53,318.63
Decrease in Net Bonded Debt,	11,290.95
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	\$64,609.58

In addition to the improvement reflected above there have been unexpended balances of appropriations carried forward in the total amount of \$89,141.82, which amount, however, includes State and County Taxes of \$67,855.74.

Complete detail of the municipal operations is reflected in Exhibits "C" and "D", the changes in the General Fund Surplus in Exhibit "B" and the changes in the Sinking Fund and Bonds Payable in Schedules AVI and AVII.

The total debt of the city is summarized as follows:

Bonds payable,	\$259,700.00
Prior year tax anticipation note,	10,000.00
School land note,	4,500.00
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	\$274,200.00

The legal debt of the city is \$376,220.35, based on 5% of the last assessed valuation of \$7,524,407.00.

We wish to express our appreciation for the courtesy and co-operation extended to us during the course of our examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER,

By R. M. MILLETT, C. P. A.

Auditor's Certificate

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the City of Rockland, Maine, for the eight months ended June 30, 1947. In connection therewith we examined vouchers and examined or tested all other accounting records by methods and to the extent deemed appropriate. We found all funds to be properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by proper authorizations.

In our opinion, based upon such examination, the appended Balance Sheet and summary of appropriations and revenues and summaries of other fund liabilities (Exhibits "A" and "B" and supporting schedules) fairly present the financial position of the City of Rockland, Maine, as at June 30, 1947, and the results of its operations for the eight months then ended, in conformity with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding years.

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER,

By R. M. MILLETT, C. P. A.

EXHIBIT "A"

Comparative Balance Sheet

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

ASSETS

	June 30, 1947	October 31, 1946
Cash:		
General,	\$16,589.89	\$ 46,089.67
Teachers' retirement fund,		613.21
	<u>\$ 16,589.89</u>	<u>\$ 46,702.88</u>
Uncollected taxes and tax		
liens (Schedule AI),	386,037.96	134,077.20
Less: Reserve for losses,		236.66
	<u>386,037.96</u>	<u>133,840.54</u>
Property acquired by tax		
liens (Schedule AII),	2,666.25	3,873.20
Property acquired by deed, etc.		
(Schedule AIII),	9.55	798.56
Accounts receivable (Sch. AIV),	1,105.28	18,251.89
Less: Reserve for losses,		40.00
	<u>1,105.28</u>	<u>18,211.89</u>
Tax lien charges,	65.12	6.73
Other assets:		
Wood lots,		652.26
Inventory—clothing for poor,		1,001.40
		<u>1,653.66</u>
Deferred appropriations:		
Public works department,		733.36
	<u>\$406,474.05</u>	<u>\$205,820.82</u>

LIABILITIES

	June 30, 1947	October 31, 1946
Teachers' retirement fund,		\$ 613.21
Notes payable (Schedule AV):		
Temporary loans,	\$80,000.00	
Tax anticipation,	10,000.00	\$15,000.00
School land,	4,500.00	4,500.00
Power shovel,		5,815.00
	<u>\$ 94,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,315.00</u>
Interest:		
Bond coupons not presented,	834.75	685.50
Due trust funds,		2,486.88
Unexpended balance of Approp-		
riations:		

Protection of persons and property,	3,000.00		
Public works department,	10,900.00		
Welfare department,	2,249.00		
School department,	3,526.27	5,859.38	
Public library,	1,000.00	864.07	
Cemetery fund,	610.81	610.81	
State tax,	51,105.30		
County tax,	16,750.44		
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	89,141.82		7,334.26
Deferred income (Sch. AI),	409.44		1,116.56
General fund surplus: (Exhibit "B"),			
	221,588.04		168,269.41
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	\$406,474.05		\$205,820.82

Long Term Debt

ASSETS

	June 30, 1947	October 31, 1946
Sinking fund investment (Schedule AVI),	\$ 13,686.36	\$ 34,895.41
Net long term debt,	246,013.64	257,304.59
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	\$259,700.00	\$292,200.00

LIABILITIES

	June 30, 1947	October 31, 1946
Bonds payable (Schedule AVII),	\$259,700.00	\$292,200.00
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	\$259,700.00	\$292,200.00

SCHEDULE AVIII

Trust Funds

ASSETS

	June 30, 1947	October 31, 1946
Investments:		
U. S. Government bonds,	\$59,374.00	\$56,474.00
Other bonds,	300.00	300.00
Mortgage notes receivable,	2,750.00	3,000.00
Savings bank deposits,	3,815.56	799.26
Due from general fund,		2,486.88
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	\$66,239.56	\$63,060.14

LIABILITIES

	June 30, 1947	October 31, 1946
Principal,	\$62,405.67	\$60,255.67
Unused income,	3,833.89	2,804.47
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	\$66,239.56	\$63,060.14

SCHEDULE AI

Uncollected Taxes and Tax Liens

Year	Outstanding October 31, 1946	Outstanding June 31, 1947
1938,	\$ 22.44	
1939,	44.24	
1940,	46.32	
1941,	62.16	
1942,	67.92	
1943,	117.24	
1944,	130.70	\$ 132.60
1945:		
Taxes,	582.35	490.65
Tax liens,	2,738.06	1,653.09
1946:		
Taxes,	130,265.77	2,370.76
Tax liens,		3,286.45
1947,		378,104.41
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	\$134,077.20	\$386,937.96

SCHEDULE AV

Notes Payable

	Date of Note	Rate	Due Date	Balance Outstanding 11-1-46	Additions	Deductions	Balance Outstanding 6-30-47
Tax Anticipation:							
John O. McIntyre Estate,	2-28-33	5%	11- 1-46	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	
John O. McIntyre Estate,	4-13-33	5%	11- 1-47	5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
John O. McIntyre Estate,	4-13-33	5%	11- 1-48	5,000.00			5,000.00
				<u>15,000.00</u>		<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Power Shovel:							
First National Bank of Rockland,	5- 3-46	6%	1- 3-47	5,815.00		5,815.00	
School Land:							
First National Bank of Rockland,	10-29-46	1%	10-29-47	4,500.00			4,500.00
Temporary Loans:							
First National Bank of Rockland,	4-15-47	$\frac{3}{4}\%$	8-15-47		\$20,000.00		20,000.00
First National Bank of Rockland,	5- 9-47	$\frac{3}{4}\%$	9- 9-47		20,000.00		20,000.00
First National Bank of Rockland,	5-26-47	$\frac{3}{4}\%$	9-26-47		20,000.00		20,000.00
First National Bank of Rockland,	6-20-47	$\frac{3}{4}\%$	10-20-47		20,000.00		20,000.00
					<u>80,000.00</u>		<u>80,000.00</u>
				<u>\$25,315.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,815.00</u>	<u>\$94,500.00</u>

SCHEDULE AVI

Analysis of Sinking Fund

For the Eight Months Ended June 30, 1947

Balance of sinking fund at November 1, 1946,	\$34,895.41
Additions:	
Appropriation for bond retirement,	\$10,000.00
Profit on sale of investments,	856.17
Interest on investments,	434.78
	<hr/> 11,290.05
	\$46,186.36
Deductions:	
Bonds retired maturing in 1947,	32,500.00
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Balance of sinking fund at June 30, 1947,	\$13,686.36
Invested as follows:	
Rockland Savings Bank—Book No. 41248,	\$11,686.36
U. S. Treasury Bonds—2% due 1951-53,	2,000.00
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	\$13,686.36

SCHEDULE AVIII

Trust Funds

	PRINCIPAL UNUSED			INCOME			INVESTMENTS				
	Balances 11-1-46	Additions	Balance 6-30-47	Balance 11-1-46	Income	Expended	Balance 6-30-47	Total Principal and Income	U. S. Bonds	Other	Savings Accounts
Cemetery Perpetual Care:											
Perpetual Care Funds											
(Schedule AVIIIa),	\$43,755.67	\$850.00	\$44,605.67	\$2,003.12	\$ 615.44	\$ 15.23	\$2,603.33	\$47,209.00	\$44,674.00		\$2,535.00
Lucy C. Farnsworth,	10,000.00		10,000.00	773.52	202.17	123.45	852.24	10,852.24	7,200.00	*\$2,750.00	902.24
Highways (General Purpose):											
Harriet A. Munroe,	500.00		500.00	27.83	5.26		33.09	533.09	200.00	† 300.00	33.09
Public Library:											
John A. Case (no value).											
Mary C. Titcomb,	1,000.00		1,000.00		25.00	25.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Alice P. or Sanford Starrett,	100.00		100.00	32.94	2.74		35.68	135.68	100.00		35.63
Charles G. Kiff,	600.00		600.00	83.66	15.68		99.34	699.34	600.00		99.34
E. A. Jones,				22.13	.15		22.28	22.28			22.28
Emma Frohock,	600.00		600.00	149.28	12.98	2.00	160.26	760.26	600.00		160.26
E. A. Butler,				27.48	.19		27.67	27.67			27.67
Church Benevolences:											
Joseph Farwell,	5,000.00		5,000.00		125.00	125.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
	\$61,555.67	\$850.00	\$62,405.67	\$3,119.96	\$1,004.61	\$290.68	\$3,833.89	\$66,239.56	\$59,374.00	\$3,050.00	\$3,815.56

* Mortgage Note.

† St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co.
2 Certificates of Deposit for Consolidated.
4½% Gold Bonds, Series A, Due 3-1-78.
Valued at \$300.00.

EXHIBIT "B"

Analysis of General Fund Surplus
For the Eight Months Ended June 30, 1947

General Fund Surplus at November 1, 1946,		\$168,269.41
Additions:		
Appropriations for note reduction,	\$10,815.00	
Excess of actual revenue over extended revenues (Exhibit "D"),	9,571.47	
Excess of appropriations over expenditures (Ex- hibit "C"),	33,064.56	
Reserve for accounts receivable closed to surplus,	236.66	
Gain on rented property,	95.00	
Recoveries of tax lien costs,	17.27	
Gain on tax acquired property,	933.99	
Deferred revenue, 11-1-45, closed to surplus (Blackington property),	177.34	
		<hr/> 54,911.29
		\$223,180.70
Deductions:		
Accounts written off per order of City Council,	\$652.26	
Clothing inventory written off per order of City Council,	933.90	
Loss on accounts receivable,	6.50	
		<hr/> 1,592.66
General fund surplus at June 30, 1947,		\$221,588.04

City of Rockland
Appropriations, Revenues and Expenditures
For the Eight Months' Period Ending June 30, 1947

	Balances Forwarded from 1945-1946	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Credits and Transfers	Total Available	Expenditures	Transfers	Total Charges	Unexpended	Balances Forward to 1947-1948
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:										
Executive and finance,		\$ 5,250.00			\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,124.89		\$ 5,124.89	\$ 125.11	
Assessments,		7,825.00		\$ 4,875.93	12,700.93	12,686.94	\$ 13.99	12,700.93		
Collections and treasury,		3,020.00		173.93	3,193.93	3,193.93		3,193.93		
Accounting and purchasing,		1,400.00			1,400.00	1,369.87		1,369.87	30.13	
Legal,		700.00			700.00	603.00		603.00	97.00	
Records,		5,495.00			5,495.00	2,911.03	2,559.86	5,470.89	24.11	
Registrations and elections,		725.00			725.00	648.06		648.06	76.94	
City hall,		2,670.00		10.00	2,680.00	2,673.89		2,673.89	6.11	
Unclassified,		2 005.00		500.00	2,505.00	2,111.39		2,111.39	393.61	
		29,090.00		5,559.86	34,649.86	31,323.00	2,573.85	33,896.85	753.01	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:										
Police department,		23,815.00		250.00	24,065.00	23,772.96	212.91	23,985.87	79.13	
Fire department,		33,235.00			33,235.00	27,326.68	200.86	27,527.54	2,707.46	\$ 3,000.00
City lighting,		8,844.00			8,844.00	8,765.61		8,765.61	78.39	
Electrical inspection,		200.00			200.00	200.00		200.00		
Building inspection,		135.00			135.00	133.32		133.32	1.68	
		66,229.00		250.00	66,479.00	60,198.57	413.77	60,612.34	2,866.66	3,000.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:										
Health fund,		650.00		210.00	860.00	856.02		856.02	3.98	
City dump,		1,000.00			1,000.00	905.11	10.00	915.11	84.89	
		1,650.00		210.00	1,860.00	1,761.13	10.00	1,771.13		

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Administration,	2,025.00			2,025.00	1,948.63		1,948.63	76.37		
Engineering,	2,350.00			2,350.00	1,485.05	500.00	1,985.05	364.95		
Sanitation,	3,900.00		500.00	4,400.00	4,382.68		4,382.68	17.32		
Highway fund,	17,350.00			17,350.00	14,578.64	100.00	14,678.64	171.36	2,500.00	
Mechanical,	26,475.00		701.31	27,176.31	16,863.24		16,863.24	2,313.07	8,000.00	
Parks and trees,	2,550.00			2,550.00	2,117.63		2,117.63	32.37	400.00	
State road patrol,	\$ 410.00		100.00	510.00	504.00		504.00	6.00		
State aid road,	- 1,143.36	\$ 1,910.33		766.97	675.56		675.56	91.41		
	- 733.36	54,650. 0	1,910.33	1,301.31	57,128.28	42,555.43	6.00	43,155.43	3,072.85	10,900.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

Administration,	3,580.00			3,580.00	2,200.39	79.28	2,279.67	51.33	1,249.00
Poor relief,	4,700.00		1,052.62	5,752.62	5,713.67	20.10	5,733.77	18.85	
State institutions,	3,940.00		250.00	4,190.00	4,189.70		4,189.70	.30	
City farm,	7,425.00		24.94	7,449.94	4,760.03	1,302.34	6,062.37	387.57	1,000.00
Other towns poor,		524.06		524.06	524.06		524.06		
State poor,		1,429.38	1,105.28	2,534.66	2,352.04	182.62	2,534.66		
	19,645.00	1,953.44	2,432.84	24,031.28	19,739.89	1,584.34	21,324.23	458.05	2,249.00

EDUCATION:

Common schools,		50,020.00	2,392.53		52,412.53	55,583.43		55,583.43	-	3,170.90
High school,		31,710.00	676.53	1.75	32,388.28	29,502.03		29,502.03		2,886.25
Textbooks,	1,004.36	3,200.00			4,204.36	2,769.91	92.82	2,862.73		1,341.63
Supplies,		11,750.00	653.82	879.96	13,283.78	11,896.55	1.75	11,898.30		1,385.48
Conveyance,		1,950.00	274.75		2,224.75	1,937.68	167.27	2,104.95		119.80
Repairs,	4,855.02	2,000.00	235.66		7,090.68	5,575.12	551.55	6,126.67		964.03
Apparatus and equipment,		1,000.00		238.42	1,238.42	1,238.42		1,238.42		
Supervision,		1,750.00			1,750.00	1,735.44		1,735.44	14.56	
Office expense,		450.00		57.67	507.67	507.67		507.67		
Insurance,		1,400.00			1,400.00	1,276.21	118.06	1,394.27	5.73	
Physical education,		1,700.00	600.00		2,300.00	2,297.00		2,297.00	3.00	
Vocational education,		5,200.00			5,200.00	5,100.00	100.00	5,200.00		
Industrial education,		3,200.00	2,171.78	160.39	5,532.17	5,532.17		5,532.17		
Medical inspection,		600.00			600.00	600.00		600.00		
Attendance,		250.00			250.00		250.00	250.00		
School lunch,		600.00	4,024.81		4,624.81	4,153.80	471.01	4,624.81		
	5,859.38	116,780.00	11,029.88	1,338.19	135,007.45	129,705.43	1,752.46	131,457.89	23.29	3,526.27

EXHIBIT "F"

*Statement of Valuation, Assessment
and Collection*

Valuation:		
Real estate:		
Resident,	\$4,522,310.00	
Non-resident,	915,260.00	
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Total real estate,		\$5,437,570.00
Personal estate:		
Resident,	\$1,588,752.00	
Non-resident,	498,085.00	
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Total personal estate,		2,086,837.00
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Total valuation,		\$7,524,407.00
Assessment:		
Valuation x Rate—\$7,524,407.00 x 53 mills,	\$398,793.57	
2,638 polls at \$3.00,	7,914.00	
Fractional difference,	4.10	
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Tax commitment,	\$406,711.67	
Supplemental tax,	342.07	
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Total assessment charged to collection,		\$407,053.74
Collections and credits:		
Cash,	\$28,949.33	
Abatements,	.00	
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Total collections and credits,		28,949.33
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1947 taxes receivable,		\$378,104.41
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT		
Tax commitment (as above),		\$406,711.67
Estimated revenue,		19,990.00
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		\$426,701.67
Requirements:		
Appropriations,	\$341,114.00	
State tax,	51,105.30	
County tax,	16,750.44	
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		408,969.74
Overlay,		17,731.93
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		\$426,701.67

To Plan, Or Not To Plan

(Courtesy of "The American City")

"To plan, or not to plan : that is the question ;
Whether 'tis saner in the end to figure
The ways and means whereby a country profits
In work and health and higher mode of living,
Or think it done by wishing? To grow, to fret
No more ; and by haphazard growth to end
Starvation, unemployment, filthy slums
And all life's problems. 'Tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To grow, to dream ;
To dream, perchance to drift ; ay, that's the rub,
For in that drifting growth what havoc reigns,
With no provision made for those to come
Or even those of our own age,
When there's no work, no food, no place to live.
What would the dreamer say to facts like these?
The breadline, dole, the poorhouse, or the street,
Because the dream had not foretold such woes?
When careful plans, long laid, might stop such waste
Of human lives and hearts and even souls !
To know, by computation, what should come
By natural growth in each diverging sphere,
And so prepare to meet what ills must come ;
And what need not, prevent by future means
To regulate conditions that arise,
Forearmed by knowledge gained throughout the past,
No doubt would be a safer course to steer
Than heedless cruising, rudderless and blind."

PAULINE KAVANAGH DRUMM.

